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REMARKS

The application in which this amendment is presented represents a U.S. national stage application based on international (PCT) application PCT/EP03/02072 which in turn derives priority from British application GB 0205508.5.

The amendment introduces into the specification references to the international application and the British application, all pursuant to 35 USC 120. Applicant claims priority from such applications.

Claims 1-10 transfer from the PCT application, while claims 11-19 are added. Of the original claims, claims 1, 2, 5-7, and 10 remain unchanged; while claims 3, 4, 8 and 9 have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies.
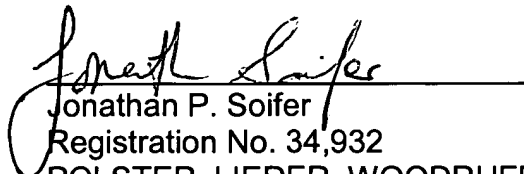
Applicant submits herewith an information disclosure statement citing the references identified in the international search report, and other references as well. Translations accompany some of the foreign language documents, and while translations accompany the two foreign language references cited in the International Search report, the designations of relevance in the report, according to TMEP 609 A(3), also satisfy the requirement for translations.

The examiner who considered the international application when it underwent a preliminary examination in the European Patent Office concluded that each of the

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original claims 1-10 described a steering pivot that is both novel and characterized by

an inventive step (not obvious). See the International Preliminary Examination Report

which is submitted herewith.

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